

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed April 22, 2004, claims 1-3, 7-11, 15-19 and 21 stand rejected while claims 4-6, 12-14 and 20 were objected to. Applicants appreciate allowance of claims 4-6, 12-14 and 20 by the Examiner. Applicants have rewritten these claims into independent form as required by the Examiner.

Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the references cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. All the pending claims at issue are believed to be patentable over the cited references.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 5 and 12, 13, 15-19 and 21 were objected to because of the following informalities: claims 5 and 13 the term "said second fastener" lacks antecedent basis; and claim 12, the term "that that" should be only read "that." Informalities of claims 5, 12 and 13 have been amended when the claims were rewritten into independent form. The Office Action did not address the reasons for the objection to claims 15-19 and 21 and thus, Applicants can not address the objection. Withdrawal of the objection to these claims or clarification is requested. Claim 17, however, has been canceled.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-3, 7-11, 15-19, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Brilmyer* (U.S. Patent No. 5,580,201). *Brilmyer* shows all of the claimed subject matter of a cam assembly in Figures 1-11.

Regarding claim 1, the Examiner states that *Brilmyer* discloses a cam assembly for mounting on a stationary member 119, comprising a sliding member 102 having a first slot 136 defined therethrough; a cam 86; and a first fastener 75 that extends through said first slot 136 in the sliding member to said stationary member 119, wherein said cam is operably coupled to said sliding member to direct longitudinal movement along said stationary member when said cam is rotated.

Regarding claim 9, the Examiner states that *Brilmyer* discloses a method of making a position adjustment between a sliding member and a stationary member (as described in columns 3-5), comprising: a rotating cam 86; a sliding member 102 having a first slot defined therethrough; and a tightening a first fastener 77 that extends through said first slot in said sliding member 102 to said sliding member 102 to said stationary member 102, wherein said cam is operably coupled to said sliding member to direct longitudinal movement along said stationary member when said can is rotated.

Regarding claim 17, the Examiner states that *Brilmyer* discloses a means for making a position adjustment between a sliding member 119 and a stationary member 102, comprising: a sliding means having a first slot 136 defined therethrough; a camming means 86; and a fastening means 77 that extends through said first slot in said sliding means to stationary member 119, wherein said camming means 86 is operably coupled to said sliding means 102 to direct longitudinal movement along said stationary member 119 when said camming means 86 is rotated.

Independent claims 1, 9 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Although Applicants believe that they can overcome the rejections, however, in order to further

advance of the case, the Applicants have rewritten the allowed claims in independent form.
Therefore, the rejection is obviated.

Because claims 2, 3, 7, and 8 depend from independent claim 4; claims 10, 11 15 and 16 depend from independent claim 12, and claims 18, 19, and 21 depend from independent claim 20, they are also believed to be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If it is believed that the application is not in condition for allowance the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

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